

Geotechnical Design of Foundations

This document implements foundation design compliant with EN 1990. The scenario is based on Eurocode 7: Geotechnical Design Worked Examples ANNEX A.2.

References:

- [Eurocode 7: Geotechnical Design Worked examples](#)
- [EN 1997](#)
- [EN 1990](#)

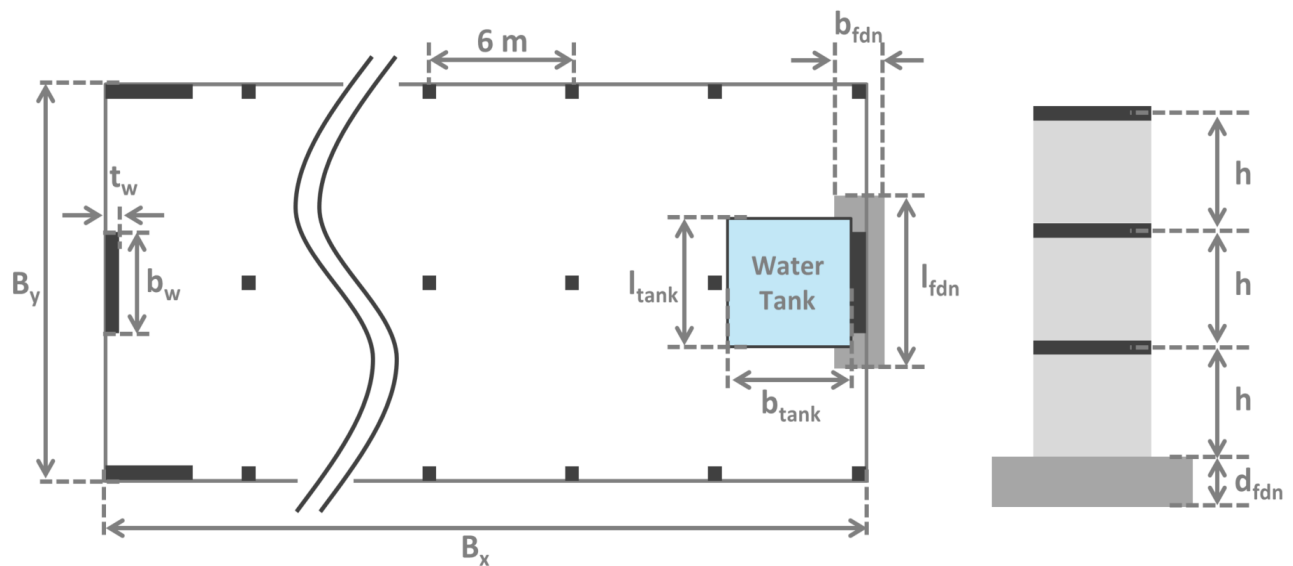


Figure 1 : Design example : 3 storey building

1. Design Situation

1-1. Design Parameters

Basic geometry

Number of stories	$n := 3$
Length	$B_x := 48 \text{ m}$
Width	$B_y := 15 \text{ m}$

Number of bays
in long direction $N_x := 8$

Number of bays
in short direction $N_y := 2$

Height of each storey $h := 3.2 \text{ m}$

Thickness of floor $d_{\text{floor}} := 250 \text{ mm}$

Shear wall

Thickness $t_w := 300 \text{ mm}$

Width $b_w := 4 \text{ m}$

Water tank

Depth $d_{\text{tank}} := 2 \text{ m}$

Length $l_{\text{tank}} := 5 \text{ m}$

Width $b_{\text{tank}} := 5 \text{ m}$

Strip foundation

Length $l_{\text{fdn}} := 6.5 \text{ m}$

Breadth $b_{\text{fdn}} := 2 \text{ m}$

Thickness $d_{\text{fdn}} := 1.5 \text{ m}$

Characteristic of imposed/wind actions

Roof loading $q_{\text{rf}_k} := 0.6 \text{ kPa}$

Office floor loading $q_{\text{off}_k} := 2.5 \text{ kPa}$

Partition loading $q_{\text{par}_k} := 0.8 \text{ kPa}$

Wind $q_{w_k} := 1.15 \text{ kPa}$

Weight density

Reinforced concrete	$\gamma_{c,k} := 25 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^3}$
Water	$\gamma_{w,k} := 10 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^3}$

Area

Total plan area of building	$A_{\text{tot}} := B_x \cdot B_y = 720 \text{ m}^2$
Area above the stability wall	$A := \frac{B_y + b_w}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{B_x}{N_x} = 28.500 \text{ m}^2$

1-2. Characteristic Actions - Permanent

Self weight of slabs

Floor	$g_{\text{fl,Gk}} := \gamma_{c,k} \cdot d_{\text{floor}} = 6.25 \text{ kPa}$
Screed on roof	$g_{\text{scr,Gk}} := 1.5 \text{ kPa}$
Raised floor	$g_{\text{r.fl,Gk}} := 0.5 \text{ kPa}$

Self weight of others

Water tank on roof	$W_{\text{tank,Gk}} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma_{w,k} \cdot d_{\text{tank}} \cdot l_{\text{tank}} \cdot b_{\text{tank}} = 250 \text{ kN}$
Core wall	$W_{\text{wall,Gk}} := \gamma_{c,k} \cdot t_w \cdot b_w \cdot (n \cdot h) = 288.000 \text{ kN}$
Pad foundation	$W_{\text{fdn,Gk}} := \gamma_{c,k} \cdot d_{\text{fdn}} \cdot b_{\text{fdn}} \cdot l_{\text{fdn}} = 487.500 \text{ kN}$

Total self weight

Total self weight on removable members	$N_{\text{Gk1}} := (n \cdot g_{\text{fl,Gk}} \cdot A) + (g_{\text{scr,Gk}} \cdot A) + W_{\text{wall,Gk}} + W_{\text{fdn,Gk}}$
	$N_{\text{Gk1}} = 1.353 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$
Total self weight of removable members	$N_{\text{Gk2}} := ((n-1) \cdot g_{\text{r.fl,Gk}} \cdot A) + W_{\text{tank,Gk}}$
	$N_{\text{Gk2}} = 278.500 \text{ kN}$

1-3. Characteristic Actions - Variable

Imposed actions (normal to ground)

on roof $N_{rf,Qk} := q_{rf,k} \cdot A = 17.100 \text{ kN}$

on floors $N_{fl,Qk} := (n - 1) \cdot (q_{off,k} + q_{par,k}) \cdot A = 188.100 \text{ kN}$

Wind actions (horizontal direction)

on roof $Q_{w,rf,Qk} := q_{w,k} \cdot \frac{h}{2} \cdot \frac{B_x}{2} = 44.160 \text{ kN}$

on each floor $Q_{w,fl,Qk} := q_{w,k} \cdot h \cdot \frac{B_x}{2} = 88.320 \text{ kN}$

Total wind action (normal to ground)

$$N_{w,Qk} := 0 \text{ kN}$$

Moment effect of wind action

first floor $M_{w,Qk1} := Q_{w,fl,Qk} \cdot ((n - 2) \cdot h + d_{fdn})$

$$M_{w,Qk1} = 415.104 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

second floor $M_{w,Qk2} := Q_{w,fl,Qk} \cdot ((n - 1) \cdot h + d_{fdn})$

$$M_{w,Qk2} = 697.728 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

roof $M_{w,Qk3} := Q_{w,rf,Qk} \cdot (n \cdot h + d_{fdn})$

$$M_{w,Qk3} = 490.176 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

total $M_{w,Qk} := M_{w,Qk1} + M_{w,Qk2} + M_{w,Qk3}$

$$M_{w,Qk} = 1.603 \times 10^3 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

2. Combination of Actions for Persistent and Transient Design Situations - ULS (Ultimate Limit State) Verification

2-1. Combination 1

Wind as leading variable action / Vertical actions unfavorable / Partial factors from Set B

Partial factors

on permanent actions	$\gamma_G := 1.35$
on variable actions (wind)	$\gamma_{Q_w} := 1.5$
on variable actions (imposed loads)	$\gamma_{Q_i} := 1.5$

Combination factors

for wind	$\psi_w := 1.0$
for imposed load in office areas (Category B)	$\psi_{fl} := 0.7$
for imposed load on roof (Category H)	$\psi_{rf} := 0$

Design value of normal action effect

$$N_{Ed} := \gamma_G \cdot (N_{Gk1} + N_{Gk2}) + \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot N_{w_Qk} + \gamma_{Q_i} \cdot (\psi_{fl} \cdot N_{fl_Qk} + \psi_{rf} \cdot N_{rf_Qk})$$

$$N_{Ed} = 2.400 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$$

Design value of moment effect

$$M_{Ed} := \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot M_{w_Qk} = 2.405 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

Maximum bearing pressure on underside of foundation

$$P_{\max_Ed} := \frac{N_{Ed}}{b_{fdn} \cdot l_{fdn}} + \frac{6 \cdot M_{Ed}}{b_{fdn} \cdot l_{fdn}^2} = 355.313 \text{ kPa}$$

2-2. Combination 2

Wind as leading variable action / Vertical actions favorable / Partial factors from Set B

Partial factors

on permanent, favorable $\gamma_{G_{fav}} := 1.0$

Design value of normal action effect

$$N_{Ed} := \gamma_{G_{fav}} \cdot (N_{Gk1} + N_{Gk2}) = 1.631 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$$

Design value of moment effect

$$M_{Ed} := \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot M_{w,Qk} = 2.405 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

Maximum bearing pressure on underside of foundation

$$P_{\max,Ed} := \frac{N_{Ed}}{b_{fdn} \cdot l_{fdn}} - \frac{6 \cdot M_{Ed}}{b_{fdn} \cdot l_{fdn}^2} = -45.263 \text{ kPa}$$

Line of action is outside the middle-third and eccentricity

$$ecc := \frac{M_{Ed}}{N_{Ed}} = 1.474 \text{ m}$$

Revised maximum bearing pressure on underside of foundation

$$P_{\max,Ed} := \frac{8}{3} \cdot \frac{N_{Ed}}{(l_{fdn} - 2 \cdot ecc)^2} = 344.810 \text{ kPa}$$

2-3. Combination 3

Imposed loads as leading variable action / Vertical actions unfavorable / Partial factors from Set B

Combination factors

for wind $\psi_w := 0.6$

for imposed load in office areas
(Category B) $\psi_{fl} := 1$

for imposed load on roof
(Category H) $\psi_{rf} := 1$

Design value of normal action effect

$$N_{Ed} := \gamma_G \cdot (N_{Gk1} + N_{Gk2}) + \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot N_{w_Qk} + \gamma_{Q_i} \cdot (\psi_{fl} \cdot N_{fl_Qk} + \psi_{rf} \cdot N_{rf_Qk})$$

$$N_{Ed} = 2.510 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$$

Design value of moment effect

$$M_{Ed} := \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot M_{w_Qk} = 1.443 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

Maximum bearing pressure on underside of foundation

$$P_{\max_Ed} := \frac{N_{Ed}}{b_{fdn} \cdot l_{fdn}} + \frac{6 \cdot M_{Ed}}{b_{fdn} \cdot l_{fdn}^2} = 295.504 \text{ kPa}$$

2-4. Combination 4

Wind as leading variable action / Vertical actions unfavorable / Partial factors from Set C

Partial factors

on permanent actions	$\gamma_G := 1$
on variable actions (wind)	$\gamma_{Q_w} := 1.3$
on variable actions (imposed loads)	$\gamma_{Q_i} := 1.3$

Combination factors

for wind	$\psi_w := 1.0$
for imposed load in office areas (Category B)	$\psi_{fi} := 0.7$
for imposed load on roof (Category H)	$\psi_{rf} := 0$

Design value of normal action effect

$$N_{Ed} := \gamma_G \cdot (N_{Gk1} + N_{Gk2}) + \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot N_{w,Qk} + \gamma_{Q_i} \cdot (\psi_{fi} \cdot N_{fi,Qk} + \psi_{rf} \cdot N_{rf,Qk})$$

$$N_{Ed} = 1.802 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$$

Design value of moment effect

$$M_{Ed} := \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot M_{w,Qk} = 2.084 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

2-5. Combination 5

Wind as leading variable action / Vertical actions favorable / Partial factors from Set C

Design value of normal action effect

$$N_{Ed} := \gamma_{G_{fav}} \cdot (N_{Gk1} + N_{Gk2}) = 1.631 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$$

Design value of moment effect

$$M_{Ed} := \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot M_{w_Qk} = 2.084 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

2-6. Combination 6

Imposed loads as leading variable action / Vertical actions unfavorable / Partial factors from Set C

Combination factors

for wind $\psi_w := 0.6$

for imposed load in office areas
(Category B) $\psi_{fl} := 1$

for imposed load on roof
(Category H) $\psi_{rf} := 1$

Design value of normal action effect

$$N_{Ed} := \gamma_G \cdot (N_{Gk1} + N_{Gk2}) + \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot N_{w_Qk} + \gamma_{Q_i} \cdot (\psi_{fl} \cdot N_{fl_Qk} + \psi_{rf} \cdot N_{rf_Qk})$$

$$N_{Ed} = 1.898 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$$

Design value of moment effect

$$M_{Ed} := \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot M_{w_Qk} = 1.250 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

3. Combination of Actions for Quasi-Persistent Design Situations - SLS (Serviceability Limit States) Verification

3-1. Combination 7

Wind as leading variable action / Vertical actions unfavorable / Partial factors from SLS

Partial factors

on permanent actions $\gamma_G := 1$

on variable actions (wind) $\gamma_{Q_w} := 1$

on variable actions (imposed loads) $\gamma_{Q_i} := 1$

Combination factors

for wind $\psi_w := 0$

for imposed load in office areas (Category B) $\psi_{fl} := 0.3$

for imposed load on roof (Category H) $\psi_{rf} := 0$

Design value of normal action effect

$$N_{Ed} := \gamma_G \cdot (N_{Gk1} + N_{Gk2}) + \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot N_{w_Qk} + \gamma_{Q_i} \cdot (\psi_{fl} \cdot N_{fl_Qk} + \psi_{rf} \cdot N_{rf_Qk})$$

$$N_{Ed} = 1.688 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$$

Design value of moment effect

$$M_{Ed} := \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot M_{w_Qk} = 0.$$

3-2. Combination 8

Wind as leading variable action / Vertical actions favorable / Partial factors from SLS

Design value of normal action effect

$$N_{Ed} := \gamma_{G_{fav}} \cdot (N_{Gk1} + N_{Gk2}) = 1.631 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$$

Design value of moment effect

$$M_{Ed} := \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot M_{w_Qk} = 0.$$

3-3. Combination 9

Imposed loads as leading variable action / Vertical actions unfavorable / Partial factors from SLS

Combination factors

for wind $\psi_w := 0$

for imposed load in office areas
(Category B) $\psi_{fl} := 0.3$

for imposed load on roof
(Category H) $\psi_{rf} := 0$

Design value of normal action effect

$$N_{Ed} := \gamma_G \cdot (N_{Gk1} + N_{Gk2}) + \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot N_{w_Qk} + \gamma_{Q_i} \cdot (\psi_{fl} \cdot N_{fl_Qk} + \psi_{rf} \cdot N_{rf_Qk})$$

$$N_{Ed} = 1.688 \times 10^3 \text{ kN}$$

Design value of moment effect

$$M_{Ed} := \gamma_{Q_w} \cdot \psi_w \cdot M_{w_Qk} = 0.$$